

For the majority, the aim appears to be to attain the highest level of prosperity consistent with Canada's political preservation as an independent state. In the light of today's economic interdependence, this seems to be a highly practical and sensible evaluation of national needs".

So much said, the Government defines basic national aims as follows:

- that Canada will continue secure as an independent political entity;
- that Canada and all Canadians will enjoy enlarging prosperity in the widest possible sense;
- that all Canadians will see in the life they have and in the contribution they make to humanity something worthwhile preserving in identity and purpose.

The foreign policy review is based on the premise that foreign policy is the means whereby these national aims are pursued in the international environment. I suggest this is a valid premise. Our foreign policy is not identical with the foreign policy of any other country, even that of our closest friends. Every country has something to preserve and develop that is unique and something to contribute that is valuable and we need have no hesitation in asserting that Canadian foreign policy is directed to the achievement of Canadian objectives, just as the foreign policy of Denmark is directed to the achievement of Danish objectives and that of the Soviet Union to the achievement of Soviet objectives.

This is not a narrow or selfish proposition. It doesn't preclude co-operation with other countries, or alliances, or the promotion of values shared by Canadians, such as non-discrimination or the support of international enterprises. It is simply another way of saying that our foreign policy is based upon our interests and objectives and not upon the interests and objectives of other countries or other peoples.

Foreign policy for Canada as for all other nations is not made in a vacuum; the world does not stand still while Canada shapes and sets in motion its foreign policy. Canada's policy objectives may complement or compete with those of other nations. The aims and goals of other nations impinge upon Canada's freedom of action in the international sphere. We live in a world of dynamic change. Events thousands of miles away or next door can alter international relations. Domestic developments can affect foreign policy planning. Forecasting is perhaps more difficult in this field than in any other. To quote the report:

"The problem is to produce a clear, complete picture from circumstances which are dynamic and ever-changing. It must be held in focus long enough to judge what is really essential to the issue under consideration, to enable the Government